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**ABSTRACT:**

A method is disclosed to optimize energy consumption in a hearing device in which one of several hearing programs can be selected, as well as a hearing device. The method comprises the steps of taking into account knowledge of computing power needed by the selected hearing program for adjusting a clock frequency ( $f_{CL}$ ) for a clock signal (CL) and possibly also the supply voltage (VCC, VMEM) driving processing units (1) of the hearing device, and, furthermore, by adjusting the clock frequency ( $f_{CL}$ ) of the clock signal (CL) and possibly also of the supply voltage (VCC, VMEM) as soon as the corresponding hearing program is activated. The present invention has the advantage that power consumption can dramatically be reduced because only the absolutely necessary energy is used by the processing units.

(Fig. 1)